Green Flight





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Outline

- How much emissions are there from aviation (EUperspective)
- What can Air Navigation Service (ANS) providers do?
- How to measure "green actions", what is good and what is bad?
 - Environmental Key Performance Indicators.
 - The need for Trade-off studies.
- Conclusions



Aviation emissions

 Aviation is an unique emission source. Release primarily occur in the upper troposphere and lower stratosphere (8-12 km) on a global scale





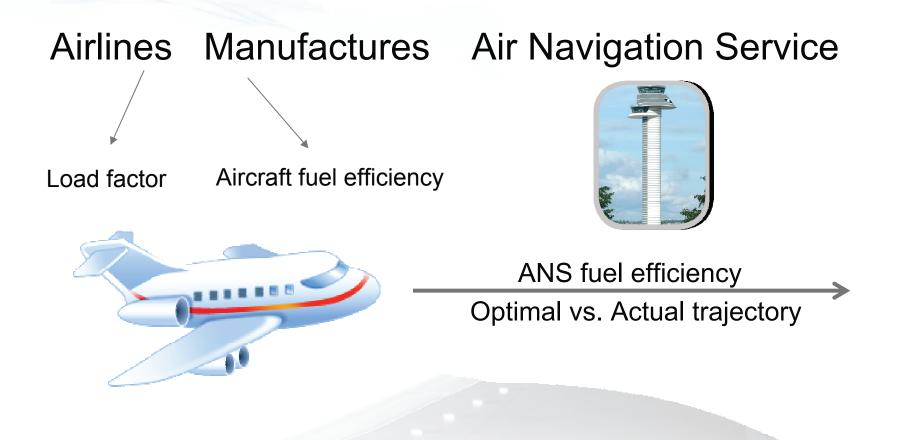
Aviation emissions in European airspace

| 2009 | Flights within EUROCONTROL area | Flights to/from EUROCONTROL area within / outside | TOTAL within EUROCONTROL area | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Number of flights | ~7,700 000 | ~1,700 000 | ~9,400 000 | |
| Average number of seats | 123 | 220 | 153 | |
| Average Max Take Off Weight | 63 t | 203 t | 94 t | |
| Average Distance flown | 900 km | 1691 / 3039 km | 1046 km | |
| Average flight time | 80 min | 125 / 206 min | 88 min | |
| Fuel per flight | 3.1 t | 10.8 / 22.4 t | 4.5 t | |
| Total Fuel | 23 000 000 t | 19 Mt / 39 Mt | 42 000 000 t | |
| CO2 | 74 000 000 t | 59 Mt / 122 Mt | 133 000 000 t | |
| % | 56 % | 44 % | 100 % | |

Source: EUROCONTROL Performance Review Report 2009



Aviation fuel efficiency





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Inefficiencies actionable by ANS

| 2009 | Fuel Flight | Fuel Total | CO2 Total | % |
|--|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| Estimated average within European airspace | 4,5 t | 42 Mt | 133 Mt | 100 % |
| Horizontal en-route flight path | 163 kg | 1,5 Mit | 4,8 Mt | 3,6 % |
| Vertical en-route flight profile | 25 kg | 0,2 Mt | 0,7 Mt | 0,6 % |
| Airborne Terminal | 51 kg | 0,5 Mt | 1,5 Mt | 1,1 % |
| Taxi-out phase | 32 kg | 0,3 Mt | 0,9 Mt | 0,7 % |
| Total | ~271 kg | ~2,5 Mt | ~8,0 Mt | ~6% |

Source: EUROCONTROL Performance Review Report 2009

Green actions from ANS acts on all aircrafts !



ANS ways of reducing emissions

- Airspace design
 - Free route air spacing (FRAS)
 - Arrival and Departure route design (STAR/SID)
 - Use of Precision Navigation procedures
- Arrival and departure manager (AMAN/DMAN)
- Continuous Descend Operations
- Better use of weather information
- Optimum use of Runways
- Timing and punctuality







Measuring the "Horizontal flight efficiency"

• TMA = Terminal Manoeuvring Area, close to the airport

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• GCD = Great Circle Distance

TMA

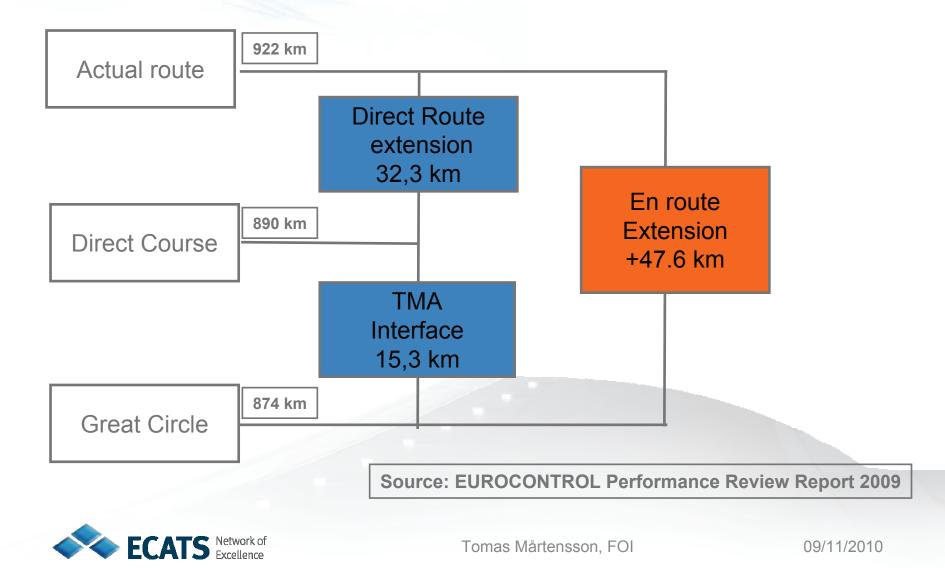
- DC = Direct Course
- A = Actual route



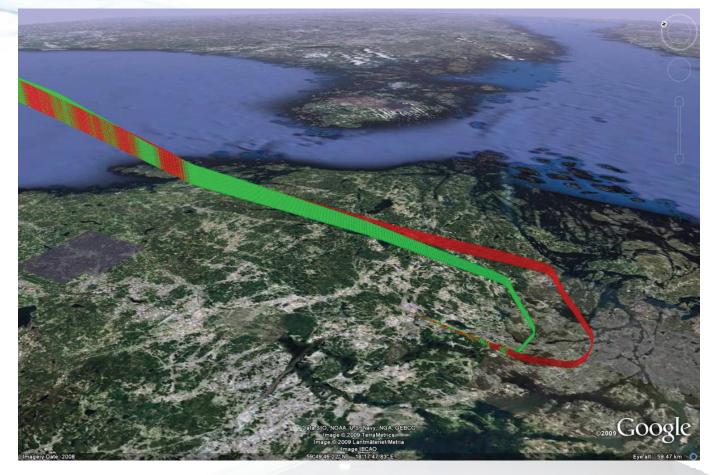
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TMA

Horizontal flight efficiency in Europe today



Efficiency in Terminal Manoeuvring Area



One "green" CDA-approach compared with an non-CDA approach to Arlanda airport. Both are Boeing 737-600



Comparison between fuel and flown distance in TMA from FL95 to "gear out"

| B737-600 | BROWN | GREEN | DIFF |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Flown Distance | 89,4 km | 54,9 km | 34,5 km |
| Fuel used | 276 kg | 109 kg | 167 kg |

Source: Flight Data Records from the two flights



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What are the problems?

- The European borders...
- Trade-off considerations
 - Safety versus Nothing
 - Capacity versus Environment
 - Emissions versus Noise
- How to measure what actual benefits there is from "green" actions taken in ATM?



How to measure potential benefits from operational procedure changes?

- Develop environmental Key Performance Indicators (KPI) based on data with high resolution in time and space.
- Build the KPI:s from ANS-systems since FDR-data very often is restricted for use.
- Radar-tracks archived in ANS systems are a good candidate as a data provider for environmental KPI:s.



Environmental KPI:s

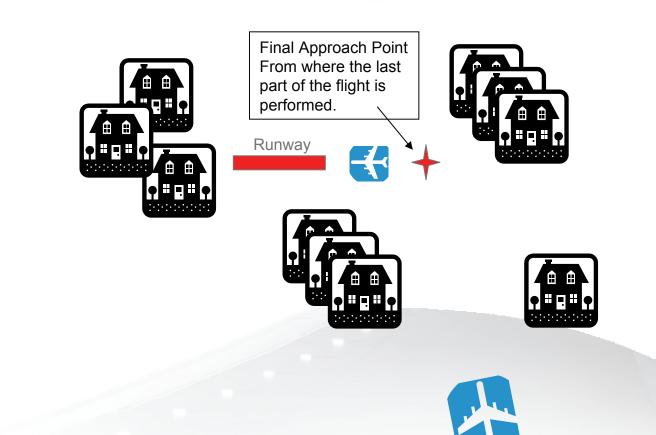
- Flown distance [nm]
- Excessive lateral flown distance [nm]
- Fuel consumption [kg]
- Excessive fuel consumption [kg]
- Number of CDA:s.
- Time in levelled flight [minutes] [%]
- Taxi time [minutes]

*all defined as an average per flight

The above KPI:s are under implementation at Swedish ANS after FOI recommendations in the project "Green Business Case II" between LFV and FOI: Project Team: Benny Jansson, Tomas Mårtensson, Björn Nevhage, Maria Stenström

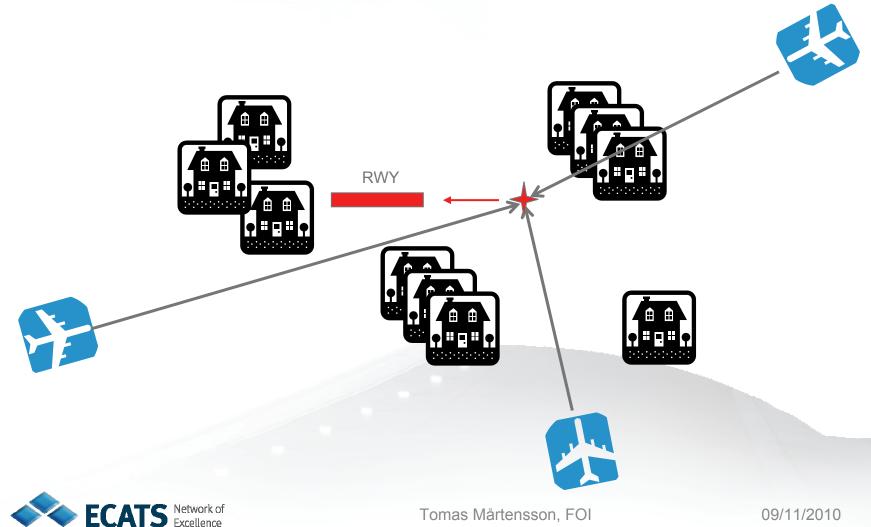


Trade off studies: Emissions versus Noise

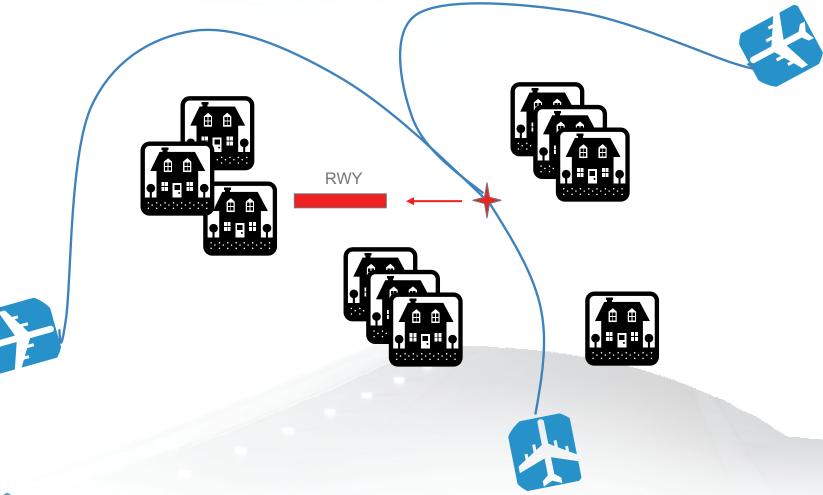




Lowest emissions = Direct Course

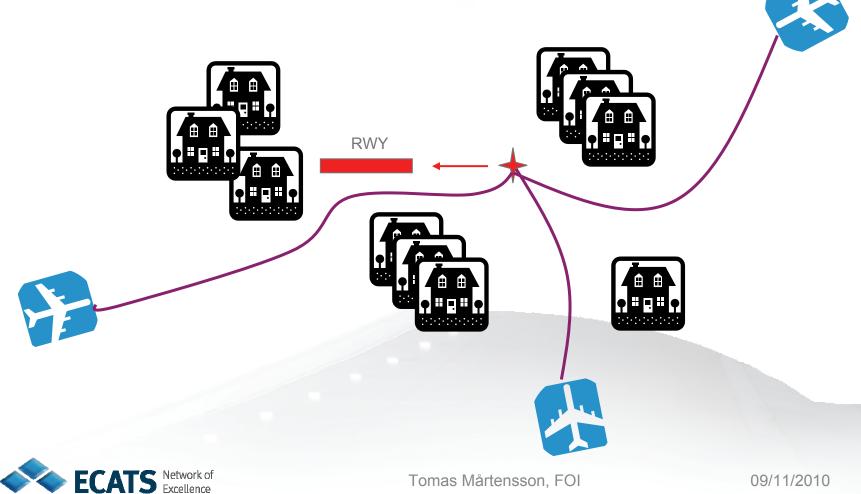


Lowest Noise



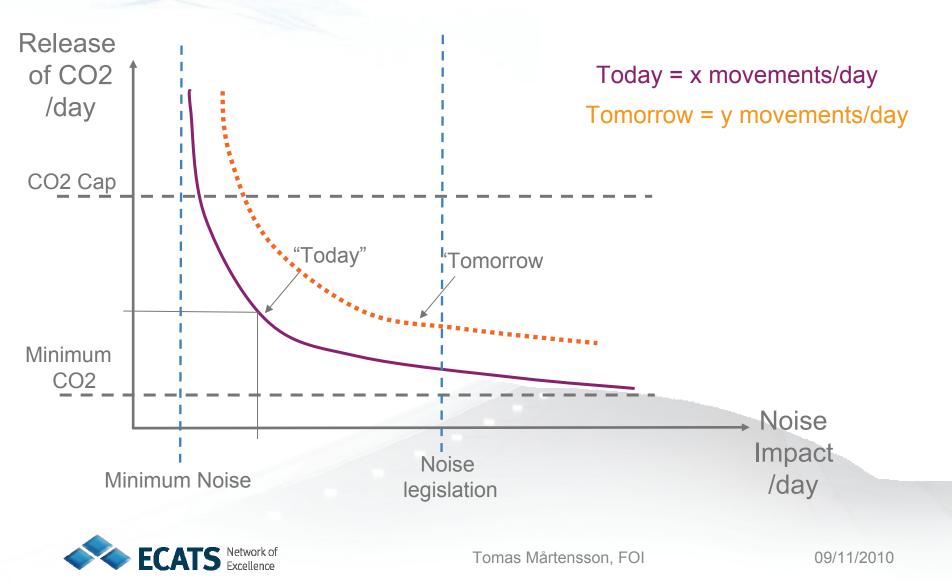


Real operations



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Emissions versus Noise



Summary

- Last year 2009, ~44 Million tones of kerosene was burned within in EUROCONTROL Area (excluding sport & military aviation).
- ANS can act on ~6 % of aviation emissions (more for individual flights)
- There is a need for better measures (KPI:s) with high resolution in time and space to be able to quantify "green actions"
- As aviation grows, there is a clear need to put numbers on the trade-off between noise and emissions to meet future legislations.

